

What's New in the MPDC

AUGUST 6, 2001

PHOTO RADAR WARNING PERIOD WINDING DOWN; CITATIONS TO BE ISSUED BEGINNING AUGUST 6

As part of an aggressive new campaign to put the brakes on speeding and prevent speeding-related crashes, injuries and fatalities on DC streets and highways, five new radars will rotate among 60 enforcement zones throughout the District of Columbia. These enforcement zones — a mix of residential streets, major arteries, highways, and school and work zones — were selected by the MPD, based on an analysis of crash data, recent fatalities, observations by police officers and community input. Under District law, the registered owner is

For complete information about DC's automated speed enforcement program, including diagrams on how the technology works, visit:

*www.mpd.org
(Click on Services & Programs)*

While the MPDC will be targeting 60 enforcement zones during the initial deployment of photo radar, the Department will be able to accommodate additional locations in the future. To recommend a location where photo radar could help reduce chronic speeding, e-mail the MPDC at:

mpdc_org@excite.com

responsible for paying or adjudicating the citation, or identifying who was driving the vehicle at the time so the ticket can be re-issued to that person. The District's automated enforcement program is provided at no cost to taxpayers, with all expenses covered by the fines collected from violators. While photo-enforced violations do not carry points in DC, the fines for speeding range from \$30 to \$200 per violation. For more information about the speeding enforcement cameras, including locations, go to:

www.mpd.org (Click on Services and Programs)

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT SET FOR AUGUST 7

With crime continuing to fall in the District of Columbia, thousands of DC residents, police officers, business and community leaders, and youth will join Mayor Anthony A. Williams and the Metropolitan Police Department in celebrating the success of community policing, during the 18th annual National Night Out against crime, on Tuesday, August 7. The District's celebration of National Night Out will kick off at 5 pm, with a ceremony outside Miner Elementary School in Northeast. Throughout the day and evening, Police Service Areas (PSAs) across the District will hold a variety of block parties, neighborhood cookouts, open houses, citizen patrols, candlelight vigils, and crime prevention seminars and demonstrations. For more details on this year's National Night Out, go to:

Chief Ramsey said National Night Out comes at a time of a continuing reduction in crime in the District, including a 30 percent drop in homicides through the first six months of 2001. Get the latest crime statistics for your district at:

*www.mpd.org
(Click on Crime Statistics)*

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CHIEF RAMSEY PRESENTED WITH HUMANITARIAN AWARD

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) presented its prestigious Robert Lamb Jr. Humanitarian Award to Chief Charles H. Ramsey for his leadership in reforming use-of-force policies and practices within the Metropolitan Police Department. Ramsey was selected for implementing dramatic changes over the last three years in MPD's use-of-force policies, training, equipment, and investigations. Among the reforms pioneered by Ramsey was the introduction of a "use-of-force continuum" policy in the

The MPD and the DOJ recently signed a Use of Force Memorandum of Agreement. Get all the details at www.mpdc.org (Click on Services and Programs)

MPD, expansion of mandatory use-of-force training for sworn members from eight to 16 hours a year, and creation of a Force Investigation Team to conduct thorough reviews of all instances in which officers use deadly force. Get the details at:

www.mpdc.org (Click on July News)

AUGUST CHAMPS RECIPIENTS

On March 31, 2001, a lone gunman held up the Madison Grocery and fled the scene. Immediately after the robbery, the owner reported the incident to the police, including a description of the suspect and the direction in which he fled. Officer Cameron Hawkins, who was monitoring the assignment and lookout, observed a subject matching the description. He exited his vehicle and attempted to conduct a stop, but the suspect began running. Officer Hawkins caught up to the suspect who refused all verbal commands to drop his weapon and to lie on the ground. The suspect became distracted, and while his head was turned, Officer Hawkins tackled him and wrestled the weapon away. Thanks to the hard work of Officer Hawkins, a Ruger Storm 45-caliber semi-automatic and fifteen zip lock bags containing a white rock-like substance were recovered. Read more about Officer Hawkins's heroics, as well as the stories of all the August awardees, at:

www.mpdc.org (Click on Heroes of the MPDC)

HELP FIND MISSING PERSONS IN DC

The MPD continues to seek the public's assistance in locating persons reported as missing in DC. The outstanding cases include both children and adults, some of whom were reported missing several years ago. If you have information about any of these cases or have seen any of these individuals, please call the MPD non-emergency number (3-1-1), the Missing Persons Section (202-576-6768 or 202-576-7041) or DC Crime Solvers (1-800-673-2777). To view missing persons in DC, go to:

www.mpdc.org (Click on Crime Solvers)

In most missing persons cases, the first 24-48 hours are usually the most important for investigators. Learn what to do during this critical time period, along with other important safety tips and procedures, by reviewing the MPD's "Parental Guide to Missing Persons" at:

www.mpdc.org
(Click on Safety Tips)

Information, ideas or comments about this service?

E-mail Kevin Morison, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at kmorison_mpdc@excite.com.

Would you like to have this information emailed to you? Just go to our web site and register with crimereports.com.

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